

UNIVERSITY CONCLUSIONS BASED ON ASSESSMENT FOR 2011-12

Brigham Young University engages in assessment to make determinations regarding quality, effectiveness, and the fulfillment of its mission.

Four core themes, The Aims of a BYU Education,¹ reflect essential elements of The Mission of Brigham Young University.² “A BYU education should be (1) spiritually strengthening, (2) intellectually enlarging, and (3) character building, leading to (4) lifelong learning and service.”³ Each core theme has specific objectives which come from the university mission statement or The Aims of a BYU Education. Each objective is measured by indicators.

Annually the President’s Council determines whether the indicators collectively demonstrate the achievement of the core theme objectives. If all the core theme objectives are achieved, then the core theme is achieved. If all the core themes are achieved, then the university meets an acceptable threshold of mission fulfillment.

For 2011-12, assessment results indicate the following:

Core Theme 1. Spiritually Strengthening

Objective 1.1. Students strengthen their faith and testimony of the restored gospel.

This objective was achieved.

Objective 1.2. Students increase their knowledge and understanding of “the doctrines, the covenants, the ordinances, the standard works, and the history of the restored gospel.”

This objective was achieved.

Core Theme 2. Intellectually Enlarging

Objective 2.1. Students acquire the ability to think soundly.

This objective was achieved.

Objective 2.2. Students acquire the ability to communicate effectively.

This objective was achieved.

Objective 2.3. Students acquire the ability to engage in quantitative reasoning.

This objective was achieved.

Objective 2.4. Students develop an understanding of the broad areas of human knowledge, including historical perspective, science, arts and letters, and global awareness.

This objective was achieved.

Objective 2.5. Students achieve competence in their major field.

This objective was achieved.

Objective 2.6. Faculty actively produce scholarly and creative works.

This objective was achieved.

Core Theme 3. Character Building

Objective 3.1. Students develop “such moral virtues as integrity, reverence, modesty, self-control, courage, compassion, . . . industry,” charity, honesty, temperance, and personal righteousness.

This objective was achieved.

Core Theme 4. Lifelong Learning and Service

Objective 4.1. Students learn “how to learn” and are prepared “to continue learning throughout their lives.”

This objective was achieved.

Objective 4.2. Students and graduates participate in lifelong service.

This objective was achieved.

Therefore, the President’s Council has determined that all the core theme objectives, core themes, and mission fulfillment were achieved.

¹ The Aims of a BYU Education (<http://aims.byu.edu/aims>).

² The Mission of Brigham Young University (http://aims.byu.edu/mission_statement).

³ The Aims of a BYU Education (<http://aims.byu.edu/aims>).